

# Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium at Ashlawn School

## What is the Catch-up Premium?

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium is a government policy which allocates additional funding to schools to support year 7 pupils who did not achieve at least level 4 in 2015 or did not reach the expected standard in reading and/or maths in 2016 at the end of key stage 2 (KS2). £500 was allocated for each pupil. All state-funded schools with year 7 pupils receive this funding. The money is to be used by schools to giving pupils valuable support to bring them up to speed so that they are more likely to succeed at secondary school.

It is up to schools to decide how best to use the funding. The DfE guidance, linked to in section 1 of this article, advises schools to only select programmes and approaches that they know are effective. It suggests that the funding could be used for individual tuition, intensive small-group tuition, external services and materials.

## Funding allocation

Due to a change in the way that Key Stage 2 was assessed in 2016 the DfE confirmed that schools will receive the same total amount of Year 7 catch-up premium funding as they received in 2015/16, adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of the Year 7 cohort, based on the October 2016 census.

	Number of pupils below expected standard in Maths	Number of pupils below expected standard in Reading	Number of pupils below expected standard in both	Catch up premium allocation
2015-16	23	10	6	£13500
2016-17	48	48	28	£13686

## Use of funding and impact in 2015-16

Target group	Key staff	Success criteria	Activities	Costing	Impact
Year 7 pupils below expected standard in Maths	Numeracy tutor Maths teachers Pupil premium tutors Learning support assistants	Improved numeracy screener scores Progress in Y7 Maths curriculum in line/better than peers	1-1 and small group numeracy lessons Numeracy ninjas In class support for PP students	>£6750	5/23 students increased numeracy screener scores by $\geq 10$ skills 11/23 students increased numeracy screener scores by $\geq 5$ skills 16/23 students increased numeracy screener scores by $\geq 1$ skill 7/23 students did not increase their numeracy screener score Average points of progress in Maths by pupils in catch up group 2.18 Average points of progress in Maths by pupils not in catch up group 1.37
Year 7 pupils below expected standard in Reading	Literacy tutor English teachers Pupil premium tutors	Improved reading age Improved spelling scores Progress in Y7 English curriculum in line/better than peers	1-1 and small group literacy lessons In class support for PP students Spelling support in LDD	>£6750	6/10 students increased their reading age by $\geq 1$ year 2/10 students increased their reading age by $\geq 2$ years Average points of progress in English by pupils in catch up group 1.33 Average points of progress in English by pupils not in catch up group 2.08

The numeracy support has had a clear impact in closing the gap by 0.75 grades on average across the year.

The literacy support has increased reading age by greater than or equal to one year for 80% of the student eligible for the catch up funding. However, this has not had the same impact in English grades for the 10 students. 80% (8/10) students improved by 1 or more progress points, 40% (4/10) students improved by 2 or more progress points.

## **Strategy in 2016-17**

Quality classroom provision for all students in English and Maths.

Continued literacy and numeracy support for 1-1 and small groups.

Changes for 2016-17 is that this is integrated into the Learning Development Department.

Introduction of a reading curriculum delivered 1 lesson per week. Lessons will be taught by specialists for all year 7 students in English sets 3-5.

Subject specific reading lessons delivered by subject teams for year 7 students in English sets 1-2.

Separate Maths Scheme of Learning specifically developed for lower ability students with a focus on mastery of numeracy skills embedding fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

Mathsbox starters in all Year 7 lessons for regular practice and review of key skills.

Maths for parents of Year 7 students run as an evening class to improve the ability of parents to support their students at home.